

Instructor gives inside look at Olympic opening ceremony

By KAREN SARITA INGRAM
THE COLLEGIAN

K-State instructor of music and administrative director for the K-state Summer Choral Institute shares his Olympic experience. For weeks, Bryan Pinkall has been counting down the days to the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics and, more specifically, his big moment in Friday's opening ceremony. Pinkall, instructor of music and administrative director for the K-state Summer Choral Institute, is a producer of the opening ceremony and has been chronicling his journey on his personal blog at bryanpinkall.blogspot.com/.

Unfortunately, many of Pinkall's blog entries vanished Thursday, including all of his most recent ones from Sochi. An entry from that day said, "I am having difficulties with my blog due to web traffic and my situation." Fortunately, before the error occurred, The Collegian was able to copy many of Pinkall's blog posts and received permission by email to use them. The Collegian plans to follow up on his experiences upon his return to Kansas.

While Pinkall's blog reveals struggles with technical difficulties, among other issues, the vast majority of his blog is spent marveling over the landscape, giving humorous observations and sharing his life-long love for the Olympic Games with like-minded people.

"I love working around people who are similarly passionate as I am," Pinkall said in an email interview. "Sometimes people look at you funny for loving something as strange as the Olympic ceremonies so much, but it is my dream and I am not ashamed to be passionate about it. Everyone I work with genuinely loves what they do, and that makes for a fantastic time."

Pinkall's blog provides an insider's account into how the Olympic ceremonies are put together, but he also provides a unique perspective as a passionate historian, discussing favorite moments, ceremonies and famous firsts. Perhaps it is appropriate that Pinkall is



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Pinkall has been blogging about his experience in Sochi, but has encountered technical difficulties due to web traffic in his location.



COURTESY OF BRYAN PINKALL
Bryan Pinkall, instructor of music and administrative director for the K-State Summer Choral Institute, is currently in Sochi, Russia to help with the opening ceremony for the 2014 Winter Olympics.

involved in the first opening ceremony in Olympic history to be held after the games have already begun.

"There is a lot of risk involved with this ceremony," he said on Tuesday's post. "The actual cost for this ceremony is somewhere between \$1.1 billion and \$1.25 billion if you include the specially made venue. To put that into perspective, the most expensive film ever made was 'Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End' which had a budget of \$300 million and was filmed over 18 months. The production of this ceremony likely exceeds the Disney movie's budget four times over and must be filmed in four hours."

Pinkall shares his love for all things Olympics, as well as other passions. He said he also discovered that, no matter how unique your passions are, there comes a time when it will serve a useful purpose.

"Of my many odd fascinations, as a boy I memorized all the flags of the world," Pinkall noted in his Jan. 31 blog entry. "Finally, I found it worthwhile. Bermuda ... you're welcome. Your flag is now right-side up."

Members of the media who have recently arrived to cover the games have reported problems with their hotel rooms, including incomplete construction, plumbing malfunctions, bad water and more.

"Unfortunately, what you read is largely true," Pinkall said in an email interview. "Sochi is quite modern, but the games are in Adler, 10 kilometers and 30 years away."

Pinkall arrived on Jan. 16 – long before the media – to prepare and rehearse for the opening ceremony. Because of this, he is staying at a resort that was already constructed and said he found nothing objectionable, other than the, "diet of processed meat, borscht and porridge." He admitted on his blog that the resort was not as "resort-like" as American expectations, but he still found the city and climate to be

"beautiful."

"Essentially, most of Russia here hasn't recovered from the Soviet era, so everything from the economy to architecture still reminds me of the social realism art of that time," Pinkall said in his Jan. 16 post. "Sochi has the glamour of Hollywood, with the urban decay of Detroit."

Pinkall said that being in Russia for nearly a month has allowed him to learn more about Russian culture.

"One apparent difference between Americans and Russians is that Russians seem unequivocally ok with the trial and error method," he noted on his Jan. 16 entry. "A common saying that I have been told at least five times today is, 'What else do you expect in Russia?' They are proud of it too, but I shouldn't be surprised. Many highly gifted and intelligent people are unafraid of failure, because they want no boundary between effort and the goal. This actually accomplishes a lot."

The food has also provided some surprises. Pinkall explored the local farmer's market, sampling food and comparing his adventures to food critic Anthony Bourdain's Travel Channel show "No Reservations." Among some of the more exotic things he said he discovered were a wine called "Milk of a Loved Woman" and an entree called "She-Prisoner of Caucasus Trout."

Pinkall said he has high hopes for the Olympics and for his part in bringing Russia and the rest of the world together in the opening ceremony.

"I think it will exemplify everything that is Russia," he said in his Jan. 21 entry. "They love their country very much, but they need a reawakening to a spirit that can unite them all once again. I think that Olympics will do that."

you sound white?" Cydney Hutton, freshman in pre-professional elementary education, said. "Well, you see, I can not sound like a color."



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SGA opposes Regent's social media policy

By MIKE STANTON
THE COLLEGIAN

In an otherwise uneventful meeting of the Student Governing Association's Student Senate, resolutions were passed expressing the body's opposition to a recent social media policy enacted by the Kansas Board of Regents and recommending stricter smoking policies on campus. Both pieces of legislation passed handily.

The smoking resolution, which was drafted after a plebiscite vote conducted last spring, indicated that a vast majority of the student body supports further restrictions that would limit smoking to designated areas on campus.

"It would be my hope that potentially a year from now, or by the fall of 2015, we'd be able to have these designated smoking sections in place," Eli Schooley, student body president, said. "We don't want it to be something that's done too hastily. We want it to be researched, thought out, and put in strategic locations to accommodate our students who do smoke."

The implementation of any policy changes will be led by Steve Galitzer, director of environmental health and public safety for K-State. Schooley said Galitzer has agreed to research locations on campus to designate as smoking areas provided the resolution passed.

The resolution on the Board of Regents' social media policy is identical to legislation that has or is scheduled to go before faculty, student, and classified senates at the six regents universities. It announces the body's "continuing opposition" to the policy, and requests its suspension. Several senators spoke on behalf of the legislation, including one who read the First Amendment to the Constitution aloud, before it was passed unanimously.

Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, and Cody Kennedy, junior in mathematics and education, became the first platform to announce their candidacy for student body president and vice president Monday. As of yet, the two are running unopposed, but Kays said he doesn't expect that to last. The deadline to file for Student Governing Association elections for the next term is Feb. 14.

"There's always been someone coming out, so I think eventually there will be [competition]," Kays said. "I'm confident someone will come out."

Kays said their early announcement has helped give them a head start, and gives credit to their campaign team.

"It's important to get quality people in there helping us, and a diverse group of people from across campus," he said. "We value the people that are behind us. We have a great team of wonderful people and I'm glad they decided to support us."

One of Kays' and Kennedy's main focuses, if elected, will be to advocate for a medical amnesty law. This would protect minors from legal liability in the event they had to seek medical attention, for themselves or others, as a result of illegal activity.

"We believe in making the K-State community safe and ensuring everyone stays safe," he said. "It encourages students to call and make sure both of you are healthy and don't pay the ultimate sacrifice for a one-time mistake."

Summary of final action on legislation

Passed:
Res 13/14/64: Resolution Regarding the Kansas Board of Regents Improper Use of Social Media Policy
Res 13/14/65: Correction to FY 2015 Educational Opportunity Fund Allocations
Res 13/14/66: Resolution Supporting Changes to the Campus Smoking Policy
Bill 13/14/49: FY 2014 Allocation to Active Minds
Bill 13/14/50: FY 2014 Allocation to the K-State Gerontology Club

Microaggressions avoidable with proper communication

By CHEYANNA COLBURN
THE COLLEGIAN

He was shoved off a subway platform in New York City by a woman he had never met. He was killed by the oncoming train as he fell to the tracks. He was an 46-year-old Indian immigrant who owned a small copying and printing business near Columbia University. She presumed him to be Muslim.

According to an article from the Huffington Post on Jan. 19, his name

was Sunando Sen. He was not Muslim, and his killer, 31-year-old Erika Menendez, said she pushed him in front of the train because she was "having a bad day." She said she has, "been beating up Muslims and Hindus for a long time."

While it may seem that hate crimes such as this one are rare, hate crimes are still prevalent in the U.S. However, there has been a decrease of hate crimes over the last few years. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reports on Hate Crimes, there were 5,796 reported total biased incidences in 2012. This is a decrease from

the 6,222 reported incidences from 2011.

Blatant, physical violence against those who are different from those committing the crime is not the only thing that may designate a hate crime.

There are other forms of violence that include discrimination based on race, religion, gender and culture through small acts of verbal violence. They are called microaggressions. They happen daily and everywhere, including at K-State. Even though these attacks are not physical, it does not make them any less hurtful.

"People have asked me, 'Why do

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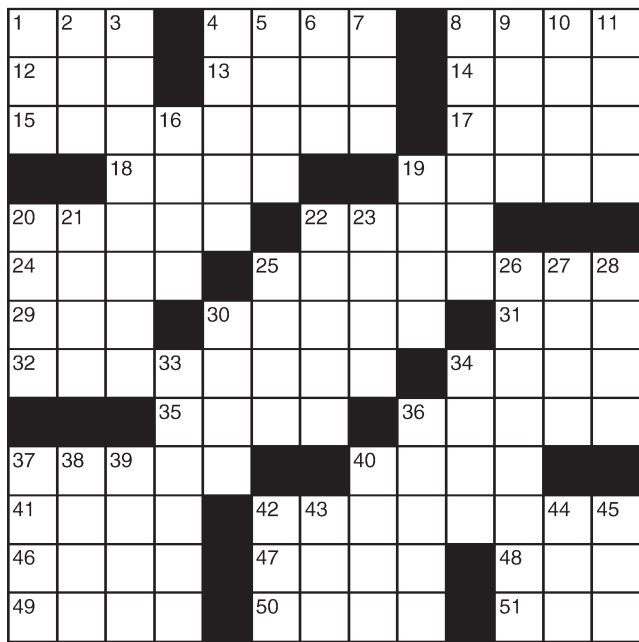
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ARREST REPORTS

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Luciana Pernetha Sanders, Manhattan, was booked for domestic battery and knowingly reporting a false alarm. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Jody Dean Hildebrand, Ogden, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was listed as \$2,000.

April Lynne Friesen,

Norman, Okla., was booked for forgery and theft by deception. Bond was listed at \$5,000.

Joshua Doyle Essig,

Ogden, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was listed at \$1,000.

Legend of Gannon | By Gannon Huiting

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The Weekly Planner

Friday, Feb. 7

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A dark comedy by Yasmina Reza
7:30 p.m., Mark A. Chapman Theatre

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Sunday, Feb. 9

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Saturday, Feb. 8

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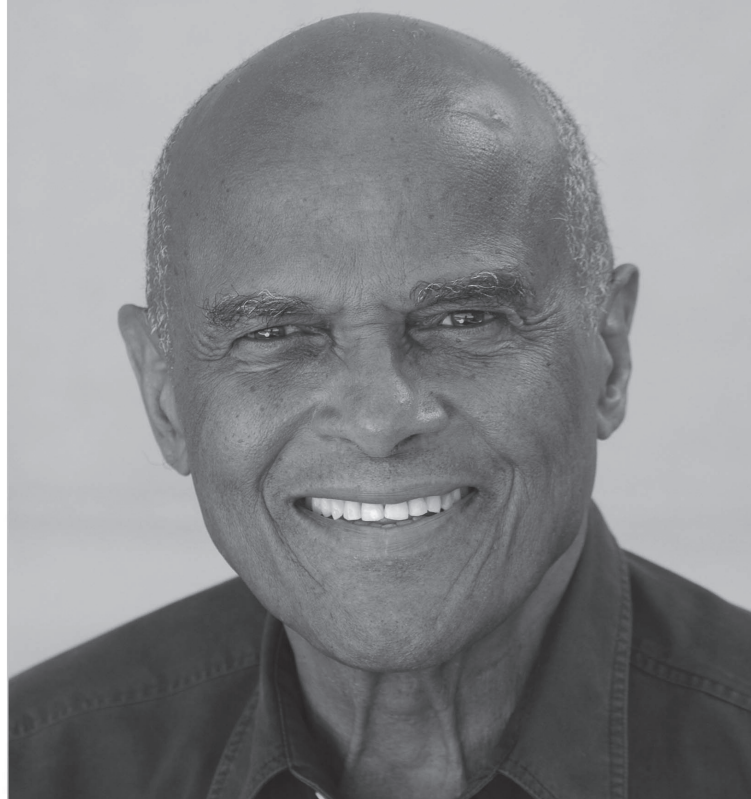
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Women's basketball set to travel to Morgantown

By EMILIO RIVERA
THE COLLEGIAN

The K-State women's basketball team is set to travel to Morgantown, W.Va. on Saturday to take on No. 17 West Virginia in the back end of their two-game road trip. The Wildcats (9-12, 3-7 Big 12) are taking on a Mountaineer (19-3, 8-2 Big 12) squad that is seeking to win their third straight game after wins over Iowa State and TCU last week.

The Mountaineers are trying to push themselves into prime position to win the regular season conference championship before a meeting against Baylor in March that might decide who takes the regular season crown. With four players averaging over 10 points per game, the Mountaineers are hoping to stay perfect against the Wildcats in their third meeting since West Virginia joined the Big 12.

Head coach Deb Patterson's squad is coming off of a hard, 84-65 loss to No. 23 Iowa State in Ames, Iowa on Saturday. Junior guard Ashia Woods led the way for the Wildcats with 25 points, with freshman guard Leticia Romero being the only other Wildcat in double digits with 11 points. A 1-10, 3-point shooting performance in the first half inhibited the Wildcats' offensive performance, leading to a 26-point deficit going into halftime. Patterson's attacking offense could only manage to whittle the Cyclones' lead down to 12 in the second period.

This young Wildcats team is 1-4 in games against ranked



EMILY DESHAZER | THE COLLEGIAN

Freshman guard **Kindred Wesemann** hustles after a ball on Dec. 15, 2013 in Bramlage Coliseum

opponents this season, and 1-6 on the road in non-tournament games. The Wildcats will need to break both trends in order to upset the Mountaineers in the hostile WVU Coliseum, where the Mountaineers have only lost twice this season.

After an up-and-down week, the Wildcats are going to have to rely on their young points leader Romero to become

a factor against the more experienced Mountaineer team. Romero is only the third Wildcat in program history to earn three Big 12 Freshman of the Week awards. She was instrumental to the Wildcats in their win over Oklahoma last week and will be looking to replicate the near triple-double she had against the Sooners.

On the road, the Wildcats will have to limit turnovers and not let the crowd become too much of a factor. They are in the bottom third of the country in turnovers, averaging 18.2 per game. They are facing a Mountaineer team that is ranked third in the conference with 8.5 steals per game and second in the conference with a 3.3 turnover margin.

Romero, who leads the team with 27 3-pointers and a 39.7 3-point percentage, and her teammates will need to stay consistent from behind the arc. While the Wildcats are second in the conference with 6.5 3-point field goals per game, they are also ninth in the conference in 3-point shooting at 28.6 percent.

Senior center Asya Bussie is a powerhouse in the paint for the Mountaineers, averaging 13.5 points and 7.7 rebounds per game, but the real issue for the Wildcats might be the Mountaineers' leading scorer, sophomore guard Bria Holmes, who is averaging 13.6 points per game, while shooting an impressive .361 from behind the arc.

The Wildcats will need to limit turnovers and stay sharp from downtown to hold any chance of pulling the upset on Saturday. The Wildcats return to Manhattan to take on Texas on Wednesday.

K-State women's tennis completes four-match homestand this weekend

By KIERSTEN SCHORGL
THE COLLEGIAN

K-State women's tennis first four-match homestand of the season will wrap up this weekend. The Wildcats will host Fresno State on Friday. On Saturday, the Wildcats will end their weekend by hosting Colorado. Both matches will be played at the Body First Tennis and Fitness Center in Manhattan.

K-State enters the weekend's matches riding a three-match winning streak. The last time the Wildcats strung together more than three match wins was in the spring of 2011, when K-State opened the season with a seven-match winning streak.

The Wildcats have won 14 consecutive singles matches, 13 of them finishing in straight sets. Senior Petra Niedermayerova leads the team in singles wins. The two-time All American and three-time All-Big 12 selec-



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Senior tennis player **Petra Niedermayerova** prepares a backhand return against Northern Iowa's **Jieke Stroobant** last Friday at the Body First Tennis and Fitness Center. Petra led the Wildcats to victory over the Panthers with her 6-2, 6-2 defeat of Stroobant.

tion earned a pair of victories at the number one singles positions to improve her leading singles record this season to 13-4 overall.

K-State will face Fresno State (1-3) on Friday. The last time the teams met, the Wildcats beat Fresno State with a 5-2 decision in the spring 2013 season. The Wildcats are

10-33 against teams from the Mountain West Conference. On Saturday, K-State will go up against Colorado (3-1). K-State won the last meeting with Colorado in a 7-0 decision in the spring of 2011. The Wildcats are 4-11 against the Buffaloes in Manhattan, and are 23-29 against teams in the Pac 12.

Wildcats track and field split for meets in Albuquerque, Lincoln

By BRANDON PAINTER
THE COLLEGIAN

K-State Track and Field will split for a shot at a unique competition this weekend. The larger group will be headed to Albuquerque, N.M. for the New Mexico Collegiate Classic while a select few will be headed north to Lincoln, Neb. for the Sevigne Husker Invitational. Both of these events will span across Friday and Saturday.

The New Mexico Collegiate Classic has a stacked list of competitors for the Wildcats; the top-ranked Arkansas men's team, the No. 6 Arkansas women as well as Texas and Washington, dominate the list of ranked opponents. In Lincoln, K-State will face off against Oklahoma, Iowa State, Nebraska, USC, Maryland,

UCF and Iowa among others.

The Wildcats are a hot squad and look to continue rolling -- K-State's men hold the No. 8 spot on the poll while the women are securely in No. 11, both with perfect (4-0) records. The New Mexico Collegiate Classic will give the Wildcats a look at what the competition will be like at the NCAA Championships in mid-May at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

The men will look to their strong lead in senior Devin Dick -- the first Wildcat to win the Big 12 Track and Field Athlete of the Week since senior Laura Galvan last September in cross-country. His win in the heptathlon this past weekend allowed him to bring home the honor.

The Wildcats only have one more meet before finishing their indoor season here at home for the K-State Open.

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Recently, self-proclaimed “political prankster” Mark Dice released a video in which he urged college students to sign a fake petition that “simply repeals the Second Amendment.”

It didn’t take much, if any, persuading to get students in San Diego to sign the petition. Throughout the video, Dice tells students, “Yeah, we’re just going to terminate and execute all registered, legal gun owners. We’re going to put them into FEMA concentration camps.”

All but one of the students in the video mindlessly signed the fake petition with a nod and, “Yeah, okay. Thank you.”

Dice has successfully done the same with the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Amendments, as well as the Bill of Rights in its entirety. Students have also agreed to support his cause to increase inflation by 100 percent

annually.

These are our peers – our voting, working and, frighteningly, procreating peers. Not to mention they are students of a university. No one asked, “What group do you represent? Is this legal? Does Obamacare cover genocide?”

A professor in my public relations class recently pointed out another example, bacon and eggs. Yes, the all-American breakfast. Who decided bacon was breakfast food? Who decided bacon and eggs

went together? Surely it wasn’t PETA. And, yet, it is never questioned.

Truth is, Edward Bernays, known as the “father of public relations,” is why we see the combination on every breakfast menu in the U.S. The coined meal was the result of a PR campaign

sponsored by the pork industry in order to increase sales.

Needless to say, after that class, I was ticking through every breakfast I had eaten in the past year to see if I had fallen victim to this sneaky trap. Then, I remembered Wendy’s recent “bacon sundae” and couldn’t sleep for a week.

In reality, my eyes had opened. “I don’t want to be a product of persuasion and PR campaigns,” I thought. I began to see how my generation suckles on their iPhones and Internet

blogs like their lives depend on it – absorbing the generated information like it’s absolute truth.

In this age, everything we touch is processed – our food, our clothes, our news and even our air. So I beg you to ask where it comes from, who made it, why it is important to you and if it is both plausible and moral.

One group that I have to hand it to is vegetarians. They asked questions and didn’t like the answers. They wondered where their food came from and how it got there. The answers weren’t pleasing to them, so they decided to act on their discoveries.

Although I am a carnivorous girl with a teenage boy’s metabolism, I commend vegetarians for their inquiry and expectant actions that followed; vegetarians are a good example of the power of an individual, thought-provoking mind.

But not everyone has this level of self-awareness and desire to question. Universal healthcare sounds kick-ass, but who is paying for it? The dorm bathrooms are magically clean every day, but by who? What’s the real reason behind abstaining from meat every Friday during Lent?

I know one thing though: if Dice were to walk up to me, asking me to sign a petition to repeal of our Bill of Rights or support mass genocide, I wouldn’t sign it absentmindedly like so many students in his video did. I would ask, “Why?”

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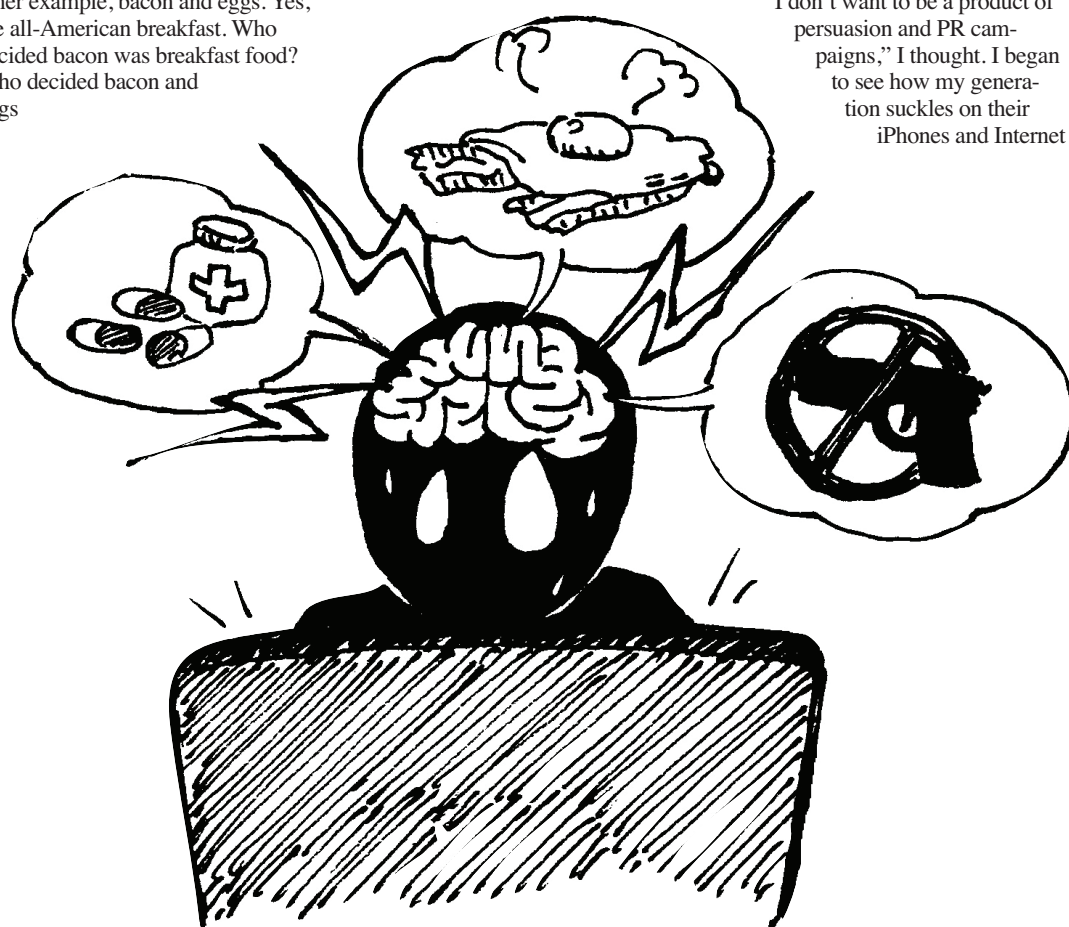


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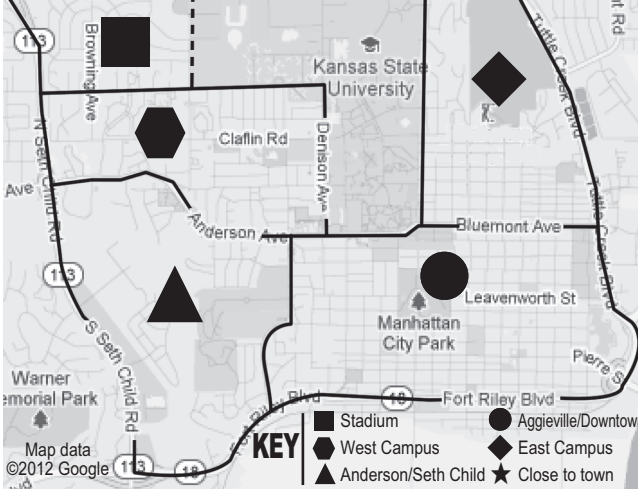
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